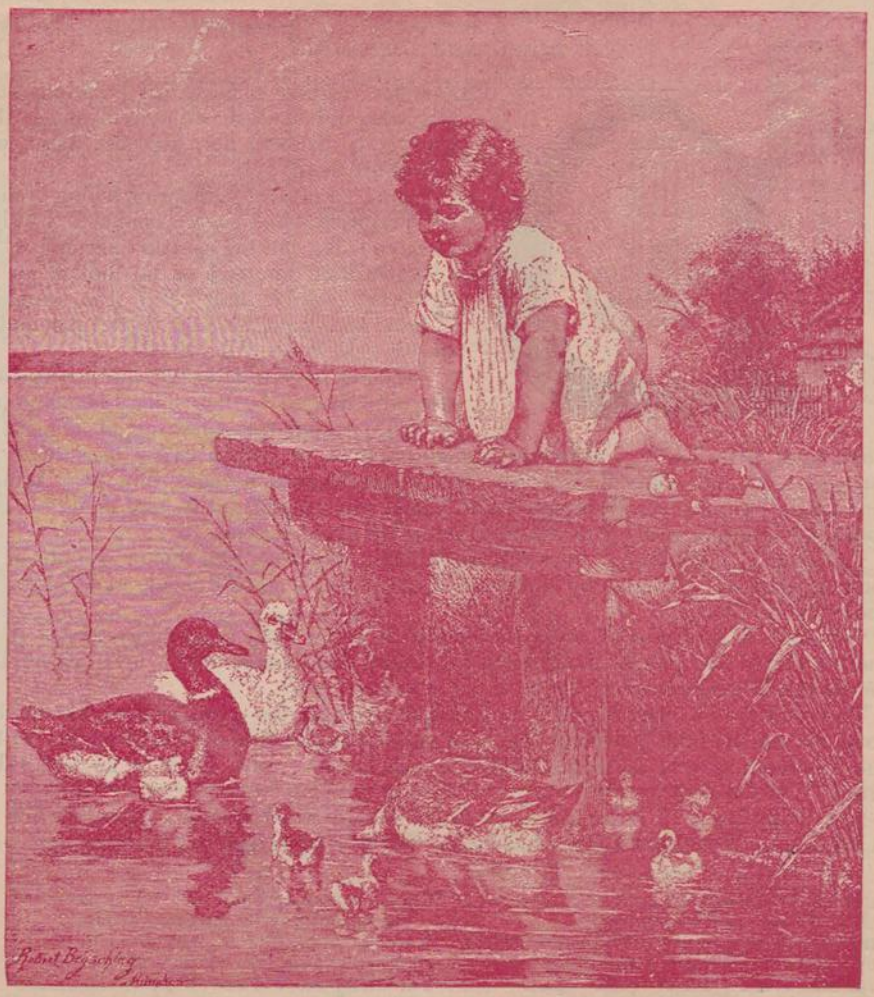
THE LITTLE PILGRIM

"He will go up by the King's highway"

Vol. XXII. OCTOBER 3, 1897. No. 40.



AN AUTUMN PARTY.

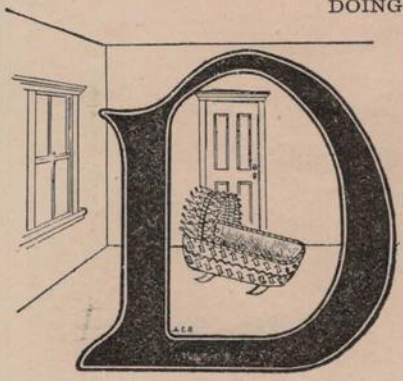
OCTOBER gave a party —
The leaves, by hundreds, came —
The Chestnuts, Oaks, and Maples,
And leaves of every name;
The sunshine spread a carpet,
And everything was grand;
Miss Weather led the dancing,
Professor Wind the band.

The Chestnuts came in yellow,
The Oaks in crimson drest:
The lovely Misses Maple,
In scarlet, looked their best.
All balanced to their partners,
And gayly fluttered by;
The sight was like a rainbow,
New fallen from the sky.

Then, in the rusty hollows,
At hide and seek they played;
The party closed at sundown,
And everybody stayed.
Professor Wind played louder,
They flew along the ground,
And there the party ended,
In "hands across, all round."

— *Selected.*

DOING AND DREAMING.



DOLLY sat reading a beautiful book about a girl who did such a wonderful deed that everybody praised her, and her name was put in all the papers.

"Oh!" said Dolly, drawing a long breath, "I just wish *I* had such a chance! I'd like to have folks call me a little 'heroine'!"

Uncle Paul laughed as he looked at the fly-away yellow hair and the dimpled cheeks and thought how little she looked like a real book "heroine."

"Doing the right, brave thing always is the only way to be hero-like," he answered soberly, for he was thinking of himself as much as of little Dolly. Men and women have to be heroes every day about all sorts of hard, everyday sort of things. There was something that very minute that Uncle Paul did n't want to do, and yet he got up and did it, and made no fuss about it — another thing you will always notice about heroes.

"O dear!" said Dolly, rocking the wooden cradle. She often got tired of rocking cradles. By and by she went back to the beautiful book and forgot all about the cradle.

"Where is the baby!" cried mother, with white lips, coming in to see if he had n't waked up. Dolly flung down the book, and looked white and scared too, for *the cradle was empty*.

The next minute they found him, and not a minute too soon either; for he had crept out on the little platform that was built from the side door out to the water, and was leaning over the edge, talking to the ducks. Just think if he had fallen over!

"O Dolly! can't I trust you to be faithful?" groaned mamma, catching him up in her arms. "I don't know what to do with you when you get to dreaming so!"

PURPLE asters here at last!
And thistle-seed a-blowing!
And what is this in the blackbird's song?
The locusts pipe it shrill and long,
Over and over: "Past — past — past —
The summer days are going!"

Stay, chattering squirrel! Why this fret
For hoard you 're sure to gather?
And cunning spinner, why so soon
A shroud to weave — a last cocoon?
The bitter frost is far off yet,
Though summer days are going. — *Outlook.*

LESSON STORY.

PAUL'S LAST JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM. (Acts 21:1-15.)

AT the end of the last quarter we left Paul at Miletus, already started on his homeward voyage. He had business in Jerusalem, money to carry to the needy Christians there, and friendly words to try to win their hearts to his work and to the other churches.

But all the way he saw the danger signals flying. That is, warnings came from all directions that he was going into danger. God's Spirit told him what to expect. At Tyre, where they waited for the ship seven days, friends told him that he ought not to go on. He would not let them keep him, but knelt down lovingly on the shore and prayed with them as he said a last good-by. It was not that he did not believe their kind warnings, but that he was willing to risk all for Christ. To see danger, and then to face it, that is bravery.

GOLDEN TEXT.

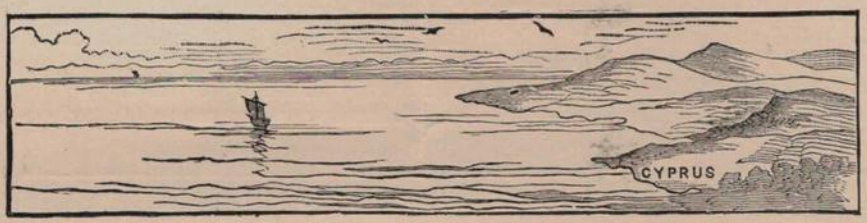
I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

— Acts 21:13.

At Ptolemais they (Paul's company) stayed another day, and at Cæsarea they stopped again, and stayed in the house of Philip the Evangelist, whose four daughters again gave him warning of what would happen to him if he went on. While he was there, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judæa, and he picked up Paul's girdle and bound his own hands and feet with it, to show Paul how the Jews would make him prisoner. Still Paul would let nothing keep him. He begged his friends not to weep and make it hard for him, for he was ready to die if he must to serve his Master. So they said no more, and he went on.

THE CHRISTIAN'S PLEDGE.

"I WILL go where you want me to go, Lord,
Over mountain or plain or sea."



SOMETHING TO DO.

PAUL was a very wise man. He could look at things and tell their true value. He saw men working hard for things that did not seem worth much. There were great games in some of the cities that he visited, where the winners were crowned with laurel wreaths. Paul saw how soon the leaves faded and he said, "God is going to give me a better crown than that!" Look in 2 Tim. 4:8 and Rev. 2:10 to see what he says about this crown.

Copy your picture here.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. What do we study about to-day?
2. Where did Paul go after leaving Miletus?
3. Where did he change ships?
4. Where did they land?
5. How long did Paul's company stay in Tyre?
6. What did disciples tell Paul in this place?
7. How did they part from Paul?
8. In whose house did they stay in Cæsarea?
9. What prophet came down from Jerusalem?
10. What did he do and say to warn Paul?
11. What did Paul's friends say to that?
12. How did Paul answer them?
13. What did he say he was ready to do?
14. What then did his friends do?

KEY to Lesson Questions. 1. Paul's last journey to Jerusalem. 2. On to Coos and Rhodes. 3. At Patara. 4. At Tyre. 5. Seven days. 6. Of trials in Jerusalem. 7. They all kneeled down on the shore and prayed together. 8. The house of Philip the Evangelist. 9. Agabus. 10. He took Paul's girdle and bound his own hands and feet to show him how the Jews would bind him. 11. Begged him not to go. 12. Asked them if they wanted to break his heart with their weeping. 13. (Golden Text.) 14. They said, "The will of the Lord be done," and started with Paul for Jerusalem.

LITTLE SEEK-FURTHER QUESTIONS.

1. What man was told by a king that he would be safe in God's care, even among wild beasts? (Dan. vi.)
2. To whom did God say, "Fear not, I am thy shield"? (Gen. xv.)
3. Who heard the Lord saying, "Be not afraid, . . . no man shall set on thee to harm thee"? (Acts xviii.)

Published weekly by CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY, Boston, Mass. Five or more copies to one address, per year, 20 cents; single copies, per year, 25 cents. Entered at the Post Office in Boston, Mass., as second-class mail matter. 40-4